

CHAPTER 2

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for services through the PDD Waiver/PDD State Funded Program, children must:

1. Meet the target population criteria as follows:
 - Be ages 3 through 10 years.
 - Diagnosed with a PDD by age eight years. The diagnosis must be made by a qualified, licensed or certified diagnostician. Children who are currently eligible for DDSN under the Autism Division must meet these criteria. Diagnostic documentation must include information supporting a DSM-IV rating.
 - a. For an autism diagnosis, there must be evidence of at least two of the following: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS), Autism Diagnostic Interview (ADI), Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ), or Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS).
 - b. For an Asperger's Syndrome diagnosis there must be evidence ruling out autism using previously mentioned tools and concluding with an additional adaptive behavior scale (i.e. Vineland) and one of the following: DSM-IV Criteria Checklist/Asperger's Disorder 299.80, Asperger's Syndrome Diagnostic Scale (ASDS), Asperger's Syndrome Diagnostic Interview (ASDI) or Online Asperger's Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS).
 - c. For other PDD diagnosis there must be evidence ruling out autism using previously mentioned tools and the DSM-IV Criteria Checklist/Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) 299.80 and the Scale of Pervasive Developmental Disorder in Mentally Retarded Persons (PDD-MRS).
2. Meet Medicaid financial criteria or provide documentation of financial ineligibility for Medicaid.
3. Assure that the child meets ICF/MR Level of Care medical criteria (as determined by the DDSN Consumer Assessment Team for this program).

Children who do not meet ICF/MR Level of Care, but meet all other eligibility requirements may receive services outside the waiver through the State Funded PDD program if funding is available. However, the child and parents/guardians must comply with all other program requirements and stipulations.

To maintain eligibility for services via the PDD Waiver or the PDD State Funded Program:

1. Services must be received within 30 days of enrollment into the PDD waiver/State Funded Program.
2. The child must receive at least one waiver service each month documented in the participant's record.
3. The Service Coordinator and, when specified, the Autism Division must receive required documentation from the EIBI provider within the timeframes identified beginning with the first month period following the initiation of service.
4. Proof of progress from the initial baseline derived from the preliminary assessment tool must be provided by the EIBI provider to the child's Service Coordinator and the Autism Division every six months.